

On structure of cogroups

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Abstract

Some results on the characterization of D -hypergroups, Utumi cogroups and cogroups are given, and a general viewpoint is tackled.

1. D -hypergroups and cogroups

A D -hypergroups [4] is a classical natural hypergroup:

Let G be a (multiplicative) group and g a subgroup of G , the set G/g of the right cosets is a hypergroup by the natural multivalued operation (hyperoperation) as follows:

$$agbg = \{cg\}_{c \in agbg} = \{cg\}_{c \in agb}.$$

A hypergroup which is isomorphic to this kind of hypergroup is a D -hypergroup.

Question. Is it possible to have D -hypergroup's characterizations in a hypergroup theory?

In 1940 Eaton [1] introduced cogroups for this question. But in 1949 Utumi [9] gave an example of a cogroup which was not a D -hypergroup.

In 1988 Haddad and Sureau [2] showed that the class of all D -hypergroups was not an elementary class (in the sense of model theory) and that the first-order theory of D -hypergroups was not finitely axiomatizable.

But there exists, all the same, one characterization of a D -hypergroup and according to Krasner [5, 6], a criterion for a cogroup to be a D -hypergroup and a method to construct a new cogroup starting from an initial cogroup are given by Utumi [9].

Lastly, in 1988, a criterion was established, by Haddad and Sureau [3], for a cogroup to be obtainable by Utumi's method starting from a D -hypergroup.

Now a general viewpoint is undertaken.

2. Two definitions

From elementary proprieties of D -hypergroups it is natural to introduce the following two notions:

Cogroup (Eaton [1]). A (right) cogroup is a (multiplicative) hypergroup, H , with the following three conditions:

- (1) $(\exists e \in H)(\forall X \in H)[Xe = X]$, e is the right scalar unit.
- (2) $\forall (X, Y, Z) \in H^3, XY \cap XZ \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow eY = eZ$.
- (3) $\forall (X, Y, Z) \in H^3, |XZ| = |YZ|$ ($|XZ|$ is the cardinality of XZ).

Note. We see that $\{aX\}_{X \in H}$ is a partition of H for all a of H .

Multiplicator (Utumi [9]). A permutation, σ , of a hypergroup H is a multiplicator (of H) iff: $\forall (X, Y) \in H^2, \sigma(XY) = \sigma(X)Y$.

We denote by M the group of all the multiplicators of H .

3. A general viewpoint

We denote by H a cogroup (unit: e) and by Γ the group of all the permutations of H . We consider

$$K = \{\sigma \in \Gamma; (\forall X \in H) [\sigma(eX) = \sigma(e)X]\},$$

$$k = \{\sigma \in \Gamma; (\forall X \in H) \sigma(eX) = eX\}$$

$$= \{\sigma \in K; \sigma(e) = e\}.$$

We have the following proprieties and results:

- it is obvious that k is a subgroup of Γ and $M \subset K$.
- if $\alpha \in K$ then $M\alpha k \subset K$: For some $m \in k$, $\beta \in k$ and $X \in H$ we have, $m\alpha\beta(eX) = m\alpha(eX) = m(\alpha(e)X) = (m\alpha(e))X = (m\alpha\beta(e))X$,
- $K(e) = H$: Because in a cogroup, for some $a \in H$, there exists a permutation $\sigma \in \Gamma$ such that $a = \sigma(e)$ and the partition $\{eX\}_{X \in H}$ has for image $\{[\sigma(e)]X\}_{X \in H}$ (we recall we have $|eX| = |aX|$) σ is in K and we have $K(e) = H$.
- K is a group iff $K = M$: If $K = M$ then K is group. Conversely for some $a \in H$ there exists $\sigma \in K$ such that $\sigma(e) = a$, if K is a group for some $X \in H$ and $\alpha \in K$, we have $\alpha\sigma \in K$ and

$$\alpha(aX) = \alpha(\sigma(e)X) = \alpha(\sigma(eX)) = \alpha\sigma(eX)$$

$$= (\alpha\sigma(e))X = (\alpha(a))X$$

then $\alpha \in M$ and $K = M$.

- $(\forall X \in H), k(X) = eX$: Because in k there are all transpositions $\tau_{XX'}$ which change X with some X' of eX we have $eX \subset k(X) \subset k(eX) = eX$.
- $(\forall \alpha \in k)(\forall \beta \in K), \alpha(e) = \beta(e) \Leftrightarrow \alpha k = \beta k$: If $\alpha k = \beta k$ then $\alpha(e) = \alpha k(e) = \beta k(e) = \beta(e)$. Conversely for some $X \in H$ if $\alpha(eX) = \alpha(e)X = \beta(e)X = \beta(eX)$ then $\beta^{-1}\alpha(eX) = eX$ and $\beta^{-1}\alpha \in k$ and $\beta k = \alpha k$, follows.
- Therefore, we can build the following commutative diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 K & \longrightarrow & K(e) = H \\
 \alpha \downarrow s & \rightsquigarrow & \alpha(e) \\
 K/k & \xrightarrow{\phi} &
 \end{array}$$

where s is the canonical surjection and ϕ is bijective, and we can define, by ϕ one structure of cogroup on K/k : $\alpha k \cdot \beta k = \phi^{-1}(\alpha(e)\beta(e))$.

We discern three cases:

(1) $K = M$ then $k = M_e = \{\alpha \in M; \sigma(e) = e\}$ and, by the Krasner–Utumi criterion, H is a D -hypergroup ($\simeq M/M_e$).

(2) $M \neq K = Mk$: We have $H = Mk(e) = M(e)$ and, by the Haddad–Sureau criterion, H is isomorphic to a cogroup obtainable by Utumi's method starting from a D -hypergroup M/M_e ($(Mk/k, \cdot) \simeq (M/M_e, *)$) and H is not a D -hypergroup.

(3) $M \neq K \neq Mk$, open problem!

During September 1992, at Messine University an answer was given and will be published at a later date.

In fact we consider the subgroup L of Γ generated by K and the stability subgroup $l = L_e = \{\sigma \in L; \sigma(e) = e\}$ of e in L , and we define a hypermultiplication ‘ \cdot ’ on L/l such that $(L/l, \cdot)$ is an isomorphic cogroup of H .

Conversely if L is a group and k, l ($k \subset l$) are two subgroups of L we give necessarily and sufficient conditions on k, l, L and a subset K of k -closets of L such that L/l has a cogroup's structure.

Appendix

Krasner–Utumi's criterion (Krasner [5, 6] and Utumi [9]). Let H be a cogroup (with the right scalar unit: e). Then H is a D -hypergroup iff a group G of multipliers of H exist such that $G(e) = H$ and the stability sub-group, g , of e ($g = \{\sigma \in G; \sigma(e) = e\}$) satisfies $g(x) = ex$ for all x of H (then $H \simeq G/g$).

Utumi's method [9]. Let H be a cogroup and R an equivalence relation on H . We give H the following hyperoperation:

$$X * Y = X \mathcal{C} \ell_R(Y).$$

Then $(H, *)$ is a cogroup iff R satisfies the three conditions:

- (1) $cl(e) = e$,
- (2) $eccl(X) = cl(X)$,
- (3) $cl(Xcl(Y)) = cl(X)cl(Y)$.

Haddad–Sureau’s criterion [3]. Let H be a cogroup (unit: e). H is isomorphic to a cogroup obtainable by Utumi’s method starting from a D -hypergroup iff a group G of multipliers of H exist such that $G(e) = H$ (G is transitive on H) (then $H \simeq (G/g, *)$, where $g = \{\sigma \in G; \sigma(e) = e\}$).

Note. Cogroups which are not obtained by Utumi’s method starting from a D -hypergroup are exhibited by Haddad and Sureau [3].

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